

ASHLEY

The Ashley Red Cross workers will work for the Oakfield chapter next Thursday afternoon, August 8, at the home of Mrs. Don Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hoover are on the sick list, also little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lessiter Brown.

Howard and Clifford Ralmer of Grand Rapids spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luscomb and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lock of Carson City. Mrs. Lock was formerly Miss Ona Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Stevens of Greenville spent the week end with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stevens.

Last winter we wanted to sing "Hot Time in Old Town Tonight" and guess the weather man must have heard as we sure have it hot enough now.

Mark Brown and Elmer Cook of Belding, we understand, are fine ball players so if your Belding team need two good players call on them.

No church services in the morning

the first three weeks during August. B. Y. P. U. as usual Sunday evenings and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Ralph Belding underwent a severe operation at the city hospital in Belding a week ago but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hall were called to Portland Thursday to attend the funeral of an aunt.

Rev. Ellis expects to go to Davis this week to visit his mother, who has been ill.

SUNNYSIDE

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. John Mehney came up. John hitched on to the binder and helped Henry Skellenger finish his harvest, so he could take the binder home with him and do his harvesting. Everyone had a very pleasant visit, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Skellenger came up to his parents' home Monday night and Mrs. Skellenger remained there Tuesday. They have been recreating at their "Camouflage" cottage at Pine Island lake.

OAKFIELD

Hope this hot weather won't last long. We need a shower.

Tom Jones and family and Mrs. Will Deal and children attended the Sunday school picnic at Cranmer's lake last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clifford visited at Will Deal's Sunday.

Bert Havens and mother went to Grand Rapids last Sunday to see her grandson, Glen Havens who was home on a furlough from Camp Custer.

Jud Wellman and wife made a business trip to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Miss Krantz returned home to Courtland after a two weeks' visit with her cousins, Mr. Stevens and wife. Her parents came after her Sunday.

Tom Jones and family attended the Ell's reunion Saturday near Lowell.

Mrs. Geo. Elliott visited at J. Deal's a few days recently.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. S. A. Havens Thursday were Nelson Cliffe and wife of Chicago, Mode Hemmingway of Altoona, his sister, Martha Lockwood and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sears of Grattan.

Mrs. Tom Anderson of Greenville bid her friends and relatives a farewell visit last week before leaving for their new home near Owosso where they have bought a farm, expecting to move soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conant and Miss Hazel Stults came from Belding Saturday afternoon and visited their mother until Monday morning, when Will Moore came up from Belding after them. He ate breakfast at the Stults home and the party returned to Belding in time to get to their daily work in the silk mill.

It looks like rain, will ring off.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Judson Wellman entertained a number of the former's relatives at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Ed. Collar and wife of Ada, uncles of Mr. Wellman, also his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Strickland of Grand Rapids, a sister, Mrs. Alvin Thomas and family of Lincoln Lake. It was a very warm day but all enjoyed the day also the good dinner which their hosts served and at a late hour they wended their way homeward.

Mrs. McMillan attended a R. R. carriers' convention at Jackson a part of last week.

MURRAY LAKE

A large crowd attended the dedication of the service and American flags at the Alton church last Sunday evening. Rev. Lash of Lowell gave a talk on the war and several songs were given by the Lowell quartette, that were very much appreciated by all.

Mrs. Roy Haines returned Sunday from a several weeks' visit with Orlo Weeks and wife of Clayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Godfrey and daughters of Traverse City are visiting H. D. Weeks and wife and other relatives.

Clinton Weeks and family spent Sunday at Moseley.

Clare Keach is very much improved in health.

Mrs. Will Condon is spending a few weeks in Grand Rapids with Helen, Mesdames Roy Haines and Gordon Frost were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Gottfried Bieri and family, John Andrews and son, John, Will Engle and Jed Doran attended the circus at Grand Rapids.

SMOKY ROW

Mrs. Eli Witt entertained five little girls to a chicken dinner Thursday for her granddaughter, Miss Frances Witt, the girls were Eleanor Curtis of Belding and Olive Curtis and Dorothy Benton of Brink, Lucile Scheidt of Keene and Esther Breimeyer of Smokey Row. The little girls thought they had the day of their life.

John Andrus and family visited at Byron Center Sunday.

Ed. Howe and wife, Fred Howe and wife and two children visited Sunday with Anthony Breimeyer and wife.

Geo. Hotchkiss and wife and son Roy and Cleve Harrington and wife of Ionia visited Ed. Hotchkiss and wife Sunday.

Chas. Breimeyer and family and Geo. Shindorf and wife were Sunday evening visitors of Anthony Breimeyer and wife.

Geo. Walters and family visited Sunday with Fred Simmons and wife, Fred Benton and wife, Leon Witt and wife, Ray Tillotson and Mrs. Merle Healy spent Sunday evening with Ed. Hotchkiss and wife.

The Covert reunion has been called off for one year on account of the serious illness of Wm. Covert.

Mrs. Ernest Benton spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Rastus Peterson the past week, who has been quite sick.

Mrs. Bessie Benton is now with her.

Will Case and wife of Belding spent Wednesday evening with Eli Witt and wife.

Carl Gleason and wife from Ionia are visiting Fred Spencer and wife.

Lewis Seeley and wife called on Chas. Joslin and wife Sunday evening.

Eli Witt and wife spent Monday night with Roy Taylor and wife.

C. B. Johnston and family called on Mrs. Ione Cowles Sunday afternoon.

Lewis Seeley and family called on Wm. Cave and wife Saturday night.

C. B. Johnston and family were visiting around Baldwin lake Sunday evening.

Mrs. Leo Shindorf and two children camped out three days at Coldwater lake, Isabella county, and also visited with friends at Real City and Mt. Pleasant last week.

Sugar Distribution.

To All County Food Administrators:

You are hereby advised that under the present rules and regulations any person, firm or corporation that did not sell sugar previous to July 1, 1918 will not be allotted any sugar; bakeries beginning operation since June 30, 1918, will not be allotted any sugar; will not be permitted to use sugar in the manufacture of bakery products; manufacturers of less essentials beginning operations since April 1, 1918 will not be allotted sugar for the manufacture of such products.

Please give this matter publicity in your local papers.

Very respectfully,

Geo. A. Prescott,

Federal Food Administrator.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the sympathy and kindness extended us at the death of our dear mother and also for the beautiful flowers at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hale.

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Insley of Smyrna a week ago Sunday.

Rev. W. A. Bias and wife and Miss Edna and Miss Alice and Bob Byron visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow returned home Tuesday from a four weeks' visit with relatives and friends in New York.

Mrs. Clarence Snow and Mrs. Frank Loomis and daughter, visited Mrs. M. L. Howe Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Snow and son, Lee and Mr. and Mrs. John Stedman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick Sunday and all went and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow. They all enjoyed the dinner and ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Towne and babe visited his brother, Milo and family Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Loomis and daughter visited Mrs. Clarence Snow Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Balderson and daughter and Miss Blanche Going of Shepardsville visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips Sunday and in the afternoon all motored to Slayton lake.

Mrs. W. E. Leach visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reickert over Sunday and she called on Mrs. McPhee while she was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chickering visited Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chickering and daughter, Helen June visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Donald Orth of Ionia returned home Sunday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering from Thursday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Hulbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick Sunday evening.

Mrs. Chris Choate and Mrs. Chas. Brink attended the spiritualist meeting Sunday afternoon at the park given by Mrs. Amanda Flower of Grand Rapids. There was a good crowd in attendance.

Last Thursday night Mrs. C. V. Cooper gave her son, Harold a birthday party, 28 being present. They played games until a late hour and enjoyed refreshments of cake and ice cream and wafers. Most of the guests were in Harold's class in the Belding school. The birthday cake was trimmed in red, white and blue, a silk flag in the center and 28 candles one for each guest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howe of Greenville visited Mrs. L. C. Devendorf Saturday night and Sunday; they all visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Howe and two children stayed all night Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley.

Mrs. Lyons and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Locke visited Mrs. O. A. Nummer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville came down Tuesday to Mrs. Hite Eckert's and she went home with them and spent the day, returning that afternoon and his mother and Mrs. Honson came with them for the ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Leichter visited Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins has bought a nice home in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlosser and children of Grand Rapids came Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. John Kohn and family, and other relatives several days.

Mrs. Margaret Remile of Forsythe, Mich. came Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. John Kohn and family and other relatives for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson, son Roy J., and Mrs. Byron Rich went to Petoskey Saturday to attend the funeral of the former's cousin. They will be gone about 10 days visiting relatives and friends.

OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gephart and two children visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Belding Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sykes of Easton were Saturday night and Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reeves and three children visited the former's nephew, Sam Clifford of Ronald Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. E. Chadwick and lady friend of Ionia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kohn Sunday.

Lucile Cranston of Belmont visited the past week with Irene Deltz.

Mrs. Emily Morse entertained at dinner Friday, Mrs. A. B. Morse, Mrs. A. R. Locke of Ionia, Mrs. Russell of Missouri, Mrs. Jasper of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Geo. Brown is visiting this week with Mrs. Houghton of Westville.

Mrs. Archie Swears and two children spent the latter part of the week with her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Bowen of Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Olds of Belding returned home Tuesday morning from a few days' camping at Slayton lake.

The blacksmith shop will be closed the first three days of August.

NORTH EASTON

Ed. Vance is working in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tingley were in Belding Saturday on business.

Hattie Dosey was a Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Krick.

Mrs. Jessie Beam and baby of Lansing are guests of their grandfather, A. C. Gurnsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wood of Ionia drove out with their new car and called on their aunt and uncle, Ben Penny and wife Friday.

Miss Mary Bolts of Ronald visited Mrs. Hattie Dosey and son, Grover, Sunday.

The State Road Ladies' club put up a number of boxes of eatables for the boys entrained Thursday morning for Camp Custer.

A Proud Boast.

"It will be a proud boast in the future."

"What will?"

"Instead of a fellow saying, 'I'm a self-made man,' he'll stand up and say proudly, 'the army made a man out of me.'"

The Timid Teacher.

"I'll be glad when I can go back to school."

"Fine. What an ambitious little boy you are, to be sure."

"That ain't it. The teacher in school is afraid to lick me, but ma isn't."

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GRATTAN

Mrs. John Weeks presented Venus chapter with a beautiful hand made flag. Many thanks to the donor.

Mr. and Mrs. Elter Rhodes and Mrs. Sarah Mathews of Ionia visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rhodes Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lader at St. Mary's hospital, Sunday, July 27, a son.

The neighborhood was cast in gloom again Sunday when it was announced that Mrs. Laticia Emmons had passed away after a brief illness. Mrs. Emmons was a pioneer resident of Grattan and highly respected and loved by all that knew her. She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, three children, Orley, Elmore and Louis, with whom she has always lived and who will miss her ever cheerful presence, seven grandchildren, one brother, Alvin Dimmick of Belding, one sister, Mrs. Electa Tower of Detroit and a host of relatives and friends. She was a member of the Grange and A. O. O. G. Funeral services were held at the Ashley church, interment in Ashley cemetery by the side of the husband who preceded her a few years ago. She rests in holy earth with them that went before. And such is human life; so gliding on, it glimmers like a meteor and is gone, slowly departing to return no more.

Mrs. Hubert Bookey is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Roy Newkirk and daughter, Lois of Detroit a few weeks.

Word was received Wednesday by friends of the serious illness of Elmer Brooks a former resident of this place, now living in Casnovia. He has typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Weeks of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lessiter Sunday. They were enjoying the fishing at Camp Comfort.

Mrs. L. Jacobson of Lowell is spending a week at the farm here.

Mrs. Iva Scranton of Grand Rapids is the guest of Mrs. John Hessler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason of Courtland visited their daughter, Mrs. Will Lessiter and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Tompson is visiting relatives in Greenville a few weeks.

The L. A. S. social will be held with Mrs. M. Wolfe Aug. 8. Supper will be served. All come.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wagner spent the week end at the former's cottage at Slayton lake.

Mrs. Hilton Watkins is spending a week with friends at Wyoming park, Grand Rapids.

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Financial Report of

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Township of Otisco, Ionia County.

RECEIPTS.

Money on hand July 9, 1917	\$ 97.19
Received primary	165.60
Library	1.23
Voted District tax	350.00
Mill tax	133.18

Total receipts including amount on hand ..\$747.20

EXPENSES

Paid teachers' salary	\$425.25
B. H. S. tuition	40.00
Officers' salaries	25.00
Incidentals and other expenses	46.10

Total expense ..\$536.35

Amount on hand July 8, 1918 ..\$210.85

VERNE E. DAVIS,

Director.

Director's Report for

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Of Otisco for the Year Ending July 8, 1918.

Balance on hand July 9, 1917	\$113.95
Received Primary	172.80
Library	1.27
District tax	250.00
One Mill tax	117.13

\$655.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' wages	\$495.00
Library books	5.24
High school tuition	80.00
Officers' salaries	15.00
Paid for general	53.24
Amount on hand July 8, 1918	6.67

\$655.15

CLARENCE CHICKERING,

Director.

Orleans Township, Ionia County, State of Michigan, July 8, 1918. Financial Report of

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4

RECEIPTS

Aug. 17—To Primary	\$165.60
To Library	1.23
Jan. 22—To voted tax	125.00
To One Mill tax	92.39
July 8—Balance of last year	152.74

Total ..\$536.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. 10—One blank book	\$ 1.00
Aug. 27—One broom, soap and pail	1.05
Aug. 15—Insurance	1.70
Aug.—Wire fence	.75
Oct. 3—One pencil sharpener	1.00
May 10—One pail and kerosene oil	1.80
June—Taking census	3.00
Aug. 24—Mildred Jackson for cleaning school	3.00
Jan. 2—Library	1.23
Jan 14—Teachers' wages 9 mos. at \$35.	315.00

Total ..\$329.53

July 8—Total balance on hand ..\$207.43

\$536.96

F. A. JACKSON,

Director.

Financial Report For

Orleans School District No. 1

Money on hand July 9, 1917, General fund	\$273.62
Library fund	12.85
Received from primary school interest fund	252.00
Received from library fund	1.83
Received from district taxes for general fund	125.00
Received from one mill tax	132.15

Total receipts ..\$797.45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers	\$395.00
Paid for library books	11.47
Paid for high school tuition	60.00
Paid out for general purposes	37.54
Amount on hand	293.44

Total ..\$797.45

ERNEST E. CHICKERING,

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